

R. Edgren's COLUMN



Everybody Is Talking Big Money in the Boxing Game Nowadays.

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Ed. the managers of fighters and of boxing clubs are talking in big money. Tex Rickard, with a \$70,000 purse, has completely overestimated the fight money market. Two truck drivers put up their hands to-day they'd want a \$10,000 purse, with a bonus and training expenses. Here's Billy Gibson with a little big money talk:

"In all my negotiations with Freddy Welsh's manager for Welsh to fight a championship battle in South America he has ignored every proposition I've made to meet Benny Leonard. After weeks of dickering Welsh has accepted a match with Charlie White.

"I want to state that my most recent offer for Welsh to meet Leonard is \$25,000, and that I now offer him \$50,000 for two bouts, or I will give him \$10,000 to meet Leonard in a twenty-round championship contest. Welsh prefers a finish contest, Leonard is agreeable.

"Benny Leonard stands out as the main contender. He will wage no end of the side. I am forced to take this course in order to obtain for Leonard a fight for the title he is entitled to.

BILLY GIBSON."

N. of \$30,000 should tempt Mr. Welsh, in spite of his well known determination to avoid any chance of losing the championship.

There never was another light-weight champion of the world who would fear to fight anyone for such a purse.

It's tremendous beside the sums far greater fighters than Welsh have met in notch contenders for in decision fights.

Larne, Erne, Gans, Nelson—all these REAL champions—fought for big money; fought often and didn't get their opponents.

But Welsh, who is the greatest joke ever had among the title holders, desires anything that looks at all dangerous. Welsh figures Charlie White as a proposition, for having fought White a couple of times he has found White not quite fast enough to catch him. White can't sprint a hundred yards in ten seconds. Welsh surely can, when he's legging it out of trouble. Some people think he can run a hundred yards, backward, in a little less than nothing.

In the fight with Leonard he found that the youngster is too fast for him with both feet and hands.

That's what has put Leonard on the Welsh blacklist.

BILLY PAPKE, the Illinois Thunderbolt, has about \$50,000, a farm and a family. But he isn't contented. He wants a cauliflower ear too. So he's coming back to the ring again, and will fight Johnny Howard in Brooklyn to-morrow night.

Papke "feels" as well as ever. He says he wants to fight Dillon. Will he?

Some brain expert please give the Keweenaw idol the once over?

BILLY PAPKE was a great fighter many years ago, when he beat Ketchel, when he came to New York and whipped Sailor Burke; when he fought Carpenter in France.

But Papke wasn't so much when he fought Burke here the last time, years ago. And although the simple life on the farm may have given him that healthy feeling, it hasn't restored the youth that made Papke the "Thunderbolt" in the ring. That has gone. Old Man Papke may be a big turn passed long ago.

"I will never pull a pair of boxing gloves on again if I fail to show my old form against Howard," says Papke.

"Looking the stable after the horse is gone."

IKE DORGAN, who handles the affairs of Frank Moran, pounds his typewriter to the following effect:

"There appears to be a wrong impression now circulating regarding the proposed Moran-Dillon match, of which you wrote several sticks in The World last week.

"When the promoters first bid for the match Pollok made an offer to Moran of \$20,000, which was topped by Tom O'Rourke with \$25,000. The latter offer was accepted regardless of the signing of Dillon by Pollok. Through close friends of Moran, O'Rourke was given the preference if he could get Dillon to sign, but to date he has been unsuccessful, and, like a good sport, told me to-day that he did not think Dillon wanted to fight for him and to go ahead and accept the best terms I could get.

"Sam McCrackin has also made an offer to Moran of \$25,000, which has been considered, and I am sure his offer to Dillon is better than he could get from any other promoter. Moran has never mentioned to me or any one else that he feared Dillon, but, to the contrary, is anxious for a meeting with him as the match appears to be a popular one with the fight fans. It is only natural that Frank would box for the promoter offering the best terms. It is Dillon who is holding up the match, and not Moran. Sincerely, "IKE DORGAN."

And I think he is right at that, although George is always a little optimistic and hopeful at this season of the year. He has a strong ball team, however, and one which will fight all the way, and I fear it more than any other club in the league.

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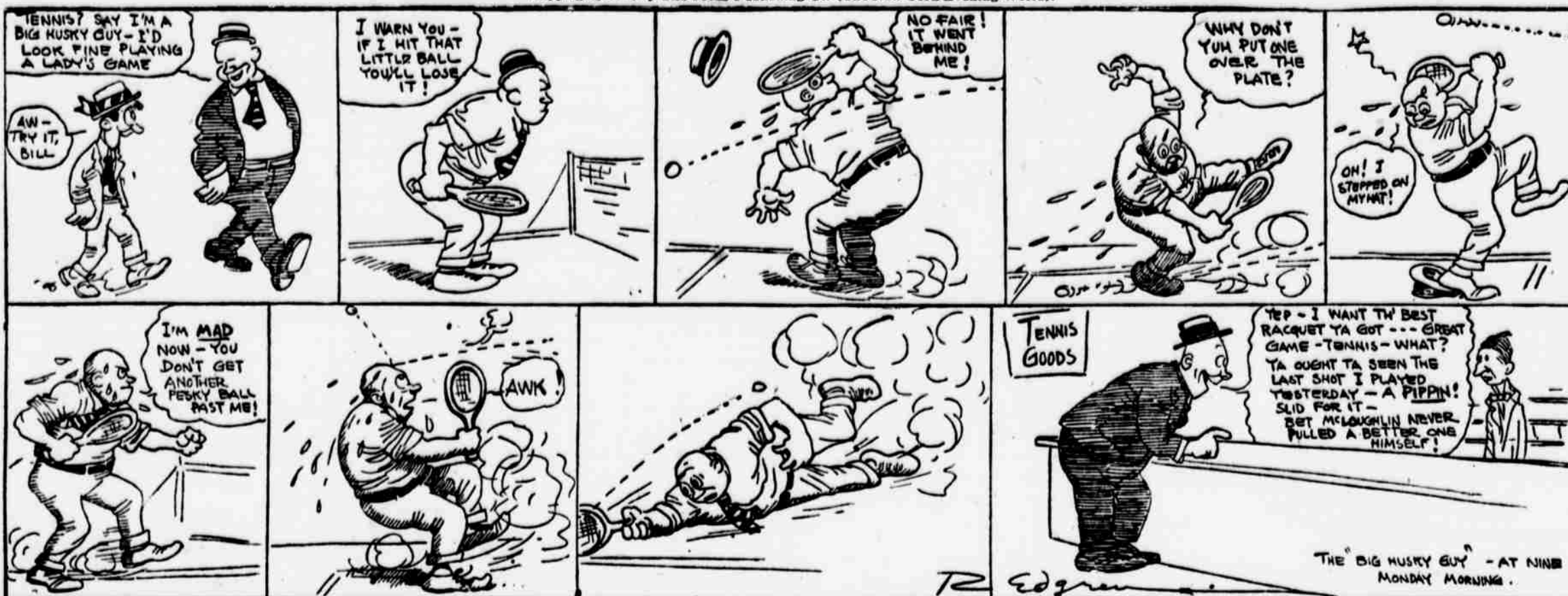
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MAJOR LEAGUE RESULTS AND STANDING

National League				American League			
Club	W.	L.	P.C.	Club	W.	L.	P.C.
Brooklyn	21	12	.636	Washington	24	14	.632
St. Louis	20	14	.588	Cincinnati	17	20	.458
Philadelphia	20	16	.556	St. Louis	17	22	.436
Pittsburgh	17	21	.447	St. Louis	17	22	.436
Chicago	16	18	.471	St. Louis	17	22	.436

Results of Games Yesterday

MORNING GAMES				MORNING GAMES			
Philadelphia, 5; New York, 1.				St. Louis, 4; Washington, 3.			
Brooklyn, 5; St. Louis, 2.				Chicago, 3; Detroit, 1.			
St. Louis, 3; Chicago, 0.				Philadelphia, 1; New York, 0.			
Cincinnati vs. Pittsburgh (rain).				St. Louis, 5; Cleveland, 4 (1st game).			
NEW YORK, 10; PHILADELPHIA, 2.				Detroit, 9; Chicago, 2.			
Brooklyn, 1; Boston, 0.				St. Louis, 5; Cleveland, 4 (2nd game).			
Chicago, 5; St. Louis, 1.				St. Louis, 1; Cleveland, 1 (3rd game).			
Pittsburgh, 9; Cincinnati, 8.							

Games To-Day

New York at Philadelphia.				Philadelphia at New York. Two Games.
Boston at Brooklyn.				Washington at St. Louis.
St. Louis at Chicago.				Chicago at Detroit.
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh.				

McGraw's Early Predictions Of Both Big League Races

Eastern Team Will Again Win National Flag, Says Giants' Manager, His Belief Being That Bostons, New Yorks and Dodgers Are the Contenders—Likes Detroit in American.

By JOHN J. MCGRAW,
Manager of Giants.

THE spot which really put my ball club on its feet was St. Louis, for we caught some fine weather there and the warm days set all the players on edge, so we tore through Miller Huggins's Cardinals. Of course, no team would look good against us with the Giants going the way they were in the West, but I can't see the Cardinals as very strong. To my mind, the best team in the West this season is the Cubs.

The pennant will be won again by an Eastern club in the National League, and I don't look to see Pat Moran and his Phillies repeat. He just hasn't got the stuff to put it over with the strong league he faces this season. Alexander won the flag for him last year, backed up by some strong playing and good, heady managing by Moran, for he is a cagey leader. But the league is much stronger this season and the winner will have to travel faster.

Now, we come down to the contenders as near as I can pick them this early in the race after having been all the way around the circuit. They are the Giants, Braves and Brooklyn. Some dark horse may slip in, but I doubt it. Many other ball clubs will make trouble from time to time. But it looks to me like the Giants could keep going anything like the way the ball club was travelling on the Western trip we would have the race practically ruined by the first of August. Said George Stallings to a friend of mine in Cincinnati when his Braves were there:

"The team that wins the National League pennant this year will have my team to beat."

And I think he is right at that, although George is always a little optimistic and hopeful at this season of the year. He has a strong ball team, however, and one which will fight all the way, and I fear it more than any other club in the league.

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INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.			
Club	W.	L.	P.C.
Providence	16	10	.615
St. Louis	17	13	.565
Newark	16	13	.552
Montreal	15	13	.536

RESULTS YESTERDAY.

MORNING GAMES			
Providence, 8; Richmond, 0.			
Rochester vs. Toronto (rain).			
AFTERNOON GAMES			
Baltimore, 8; Baltimore, 0 (2d game).			
Providence, 13; Richmond, 1.			
Montreal, 13; Buffalo, 12 (1st game).			
Buffalo, 5; Montreal, 4 (2d game).			
Toronto, 3; Rochester, 0.			

GAMES TO-DAY.

Montreal at Buffalo.			
Toronto at Rochester.			
Richmond at Providence.			

AVIATRICE STINSON BEATS MOTORCYCLE CHAMPION.

NEW BRIGHTON, Pa., May 31.—Fighting a wind that blew a hair curl through Beaver Valley, Miss Katherine Stinson, the loop-the-loop aviatrice, defeated Leslie Magee on a motor cycle over the one-mile distance in a novelty race before a crowd of 10,000 people here yesterday afternoon. Magee, who is the State amateur champion, substituted for Arthur Chapple. The time for the mile was 1:08.55, three-fifths of a second short of the half-mile track record.

Claims Motorcycle Title.

CHICAGO, May 31.—Glenn Stokes of Los Angeles, Cal., claimed the ten-mile motorcycle championship here as a result of his work when he won the event from Ray Greveston of Springfield, Mass., and Lorenzo Bodo of Phoenix, Ariz. Greveston and Bodo were both forced to retire because of damage to their machines.

May State Tennis Finals To-day.

NEWTON, Mass., May 31.—Nathaniel W. Niles and Edward Wheeler were scheduled to play Irving C. Wright and Harry C. Johnson in the finals of the State doubles lawn tennis championship here to-day.

Levinsoy and Flynn Box Draw.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., May 31.—Battling Levinsoy of New York and Porky Flynn of Boston fought eight rounds before the Rose Athletic Club here last night to a draw. Flynn was generally the aggressor but Levinsoy showed greater science. Leo Kelly of St. Louis and Babe Abel of Chattanooga fought a draw on the same card.

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